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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Reply are filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination herewith in the above-noted U.S. patent application. In satisfaction of the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 14, 2007, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

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